



Adam & Eve Street 1977 – 192.46

c.44.6: 'Kite Area' Streets

Streets between Emmanuel Road and East Road including Adam and Eve Street, Brandon Place, Britannia Place, (Burleigh Street – see separate Scrapbook), Church Street, City Road, Clarendon Street, Crispin Street, Earl Street, (East Road – see separate Scrapbook), Eden Street, Elm Street, Emmanuel Road, (Fitzroy Street – see separate Scrapbook), Gold Street, Grafton Street, James Street, John Street, Maids Causeway, Nelson Street, New Square, Orchard Street, Paradise Street, Parker Street, Portland Place, Prospect Row, Sun Street, Victoria Street, Warkworth Street, Wellington Street, Willow Place, Willow Walk

1897 11

A well-attended meeting was held in Eden Street School, Cambridge to discuss the proposed expenditure on a new Guildhall front. Mr R. Sturton said they must have a new cemetery as he did not suppose sanitary science would advance sufficiently rapidly to go in for cremation en bloc. Then there was the new Police Station and something would have to be done to the Sanatorium. Mr Burwick though the more they beautified Cambridge the more good they would do to business. Why not have a police station at the town hall, offices for the payment of rates, swimming baths. He did not see why shops should not be built on Peas Hill so as to bring in a considerable amount

1897 12 17

Eden Street school, p3

1897 12 30

The Tenison Road Chapel was opened for divine service this morning in the presence of a large congregation. The chapel has been built to take the place of the Hope Chapel in Paradise Street. It was in 1861 that the Hope Chapel was built, and for many years there was no pastor. Since 1892 the number of worshippers has increased to such an extent that the need of a larger building was felt for some time. The new building has been constructed to seat ultimately 335 persons, but at present a portion has been partitioned off to serve as a class-room.

1898 03 15

The annual Tea of the Friends adult school was held in Sturton Town Hall, Cambridge. The objects of the school are to promote self-help, brotherly kindness, and a practical Christian life. They had 167

members on the books, 114 at Nelson Street, 31 at River Lane, and 22 at Swavesey, with an average attendance of 117 in the three schools on Sunday mornings for the year. It was difficult to get much interest manifested in the intellectual pursuits by labouring men at the end of a day's work, although the friends of the school believed if they made efforts in this direction they would find it a real relaxation. It was much hoped that this way of employing leisure, so much more sensible and profitable than the absolute waste of time in comic singing and other senseless amusement in vogue in some of the young people's guilds, would become more common among them.

1898 03 18

Firing pistol, New Square

1898 05 0--

The pretty and interesting ceremony of electing and enthroning a May Queen was observed at the Higher Grade School, Eden Street. Teachers and girls had been busy transforming their room into a perfect garden of flowers, and the Royal dais, covered with a green carpet. The retiring Queen (Ethel Norman) having robed and put on a crown of pansies she ascended the throne and abdicated at the end of a very happy reign. May Rossendale was elected the new Queen by a large majority and to the strains of a stately march she appeared, preceded by her bodyguard bearing garlands of flowers with which they made a triumphal arch for her May Majesty's procession.

1898 05 11

Fair St, Cambridge was the scene of an unpleasant and dangerous accident. A Hansom cab add belonging to Mr Andrews, of Salmon Lane, was on its way to the stable when the horse unaccountably bolted. The animal ran full tilt into the window of a small grocer shop, kept by Mr Cox. Then ensued a melee, in which the window with its frame were utterly demolished. A good deal of stock was damaged, and several articles lying about were smashed. The course kicked wildly, and bled to a dangerous extent from a multitude of cuts inflicted by broken glass and debris.

1898 06 16

Animals on New Square, p3 *

1898 06 21

Inspector Jordan of the N.S.P.C.C. said he visited a house at Portland Place Cambridge. There he saw six children ranging in age from 12 years down to six months. The children appeared to the very neglected, were filthily dirty, and the three-year-old child had only one garment on although he was lying in front of the fire, suffering from a very bad cold. Each child seemed to have but one ragged garment. The mother was apparently sober, but as dirty and ragged as the children. She was feeding the baby on bread and cold water and said she had no milk. The living room was filthy, and the other room contained one "truckle" bedstead in a loathsome condition. Upstairs there was no furniture. On the table there was a loaf of bread - that was all.

1899 07 04

Sir – now we are in the midst of the fruit season it would be well for property owners in the neighbourhood of Midsummer Common to keep a sharp look out. “The gentry” have started on me again, robbing my garden of fruit. It appears our properties are at the mercy of a lot of lazy, loafing scamps. Woe betide the unfortunate individual I catch as I have ready a nice stout cord and a pail of tar to decorate him with so his “dear mother” won’t know him – J.C. Longstaff, New Square, Cambridge.

1899 09 25

Fire Hawkins bakery, Gold Street, p2

1899 11 14

Mr Richard Langford of James Street, Cambridge, has passed away within a fortnight of obtaining the great age of 100 years. He was early in life placed in a gang of lighters which plied between King’s

Lynn and Cambridge and acquired a gang of his own. For many years he brought coals to Cambridge until the railway was opened, when he retired.

1899 12 23

While making excavations at the junction of City Road and Fitzroy Street some workmen in the employ of the Cambridge Electric Lighting Company came upon some gruesome remains. They dug up some coffins. It is supposed the site is that of the old burial ground of Eden Street chapel. The remains were removed to Mill Road cemetery, where they were interred. For some reason efforts are being made to prevent the real facts becoming known. The employees of the Electric Light jealously guard what they deem an important secret, and refuse to give any details.

1900

1901 12 05

The Church Street Mission is quite distinct from the Cambridge Female Refuge but is auxiliary to it. Miss Elsden walks about the street at night and is able to persuade women who have gone astray to go with her to the Mission House and stay in safety for a few days until they can be received into the Refuge. Sometimes women come voluntarily and sometimes they are brought by the police. She also provides an escort for female prisoners on their discharge, meeting them at the prison and escorting them to the railway station, thus protecting them from evil influences in the town at the first moment of their freedom.

1900 05 01

For several years past the 1st of May has been observed at the Eden Street Higher Grade School, Cambridge, by a ceremony which is at once attractive and imposing. The scholars assemble in costumes suitable to the best traditions of the sunny month and elect one of their number as Queen for the year. It is a happy survival of May Day festivities, which it is hoped will be perpetuated. Queen Kate and her retinue walked to the throne which was bright with a profusion of spring flowers. The children voted for the new Queen and Ellie Fisher was elected. She was crowned with a wreath of white flowers and saluted with a sisterly kiss by the dowager Queen

1900 06 18

Proposed new Emmanuel Road, p2

1902 01 3-

Cambridge Discharged Prisoners Aid Society heard that Cambridge prison has not been fully occupied by local prisoners during the past year but the Commissioner had sent down a number of military prisoners as well as others from London and other prisons. These transfer cases had added considerably to their work. They had investigated 186 cases, including 53 female. The Church Army Home in Fair Street & the Cambridge Female Mission had been most helpful. An Association of Lady Visitors had been established to adopt measures for setting up an honest life of those unfortunate women who come under the grip of criminal law, in whose case the attendant shame is always attended with peculiar difficulty

1902 05 01

Old English customs are, unhappily, dying out slowly but surely. Even the romantic revels which formerly attached to May Day have to a large extent disappeared and but little remains to mark what was an important day in the calendar. May Day is essentially a day for youthful jubilation and in one place in Cambridge is at least observed as such. Scholars at Eden Street Higher Grade Schools annually take part in a quaintly pretty ceremony of choosing a May Queen. Queen Nellie – last year's queen was escorted to her throne and formally abdicated. Votes were taken and it was announced that Miss Daisy Coulson had been elected and she was crowned with a crown of roses.

1903 02 20

The Great Fire. Laurie & McConal, Ltd., Universal stores, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, will open their temporary premises in Fair Street with brand new stock of furnishing, general ironmongery, stationery, haberdashery, china and glass. Business usual in the Boot and Tool department, right opposite the destroyed building. – Advert

1903 03 13

Sir – I read in the CDN of the advantages for the farming man in Canada. I know it to be true; I went to London, Ontario and found it a beautiful, healthy and prosperous country, inhabited by intelligent, hospitable people. I am sure that any industrious Englishman will have a hearty welcome in the Dominion of Canada – W. Pitstow, James Street, Cambridge.

1903 04 21

P.C. Symonds said he heard dancing from an upper room of the Hopbine public house, Fair Street, Cambridge and found six couples dancing to music supplied by a harp and concertina. Charles Huntlea said he went to the Hopbine with his brother of their own free will to play music either for the customers to listen to or to accompany dancing if anyone indulged in it. Their remuneration depended on the generosity of the customers, the landlady had never given them anything and he had to pay for his drink. She had a licence for music, but not dancing and was fined 10s.

1904 01 18

A Warkworth Terrace man told Cambridge magistrates that he believed his neighbours had some artificial means of making their voices heard by him alone: "They use talking machines and electric wires contrived to convey sound to a certain point only. I have seen what look like an electric telegraph wire in their garden beside a system of beams, boards and ropes which I conclude to be part of some telephoning system. Nearby in Melbourn Place there lives a telegraph clerk who searches my room with an exceedingly strong electric searchlight and conveys a message by Marconi's wireless telegraphy to let them know the right time to call out and wake me"

1904 10 04

Eden Street School, p4

1905 08 29

Cambridge councillors refused to allow the Post Office to lay an underground cable along Emmanuel Road to complete a telegraphic communication with Ely if telephone wires belonging to the National Telephone Company were also laid. Now the Postmaster will have to exercise statutory powers to complete the work. There is already direct communication with Ipswich, Norwich and Peterborough; recently a private wire giving the state of play in the Cambs v Norfolk match was handed in at Norwich Post Office and in the offices of the C.D.N. eight minutes later. 05 08 29a & b

1905 09 05

It is approaching 20 years ago that the strange sect called the Agapemonites founded by the late Brother Prince first secured a footing in Cambridge. Its advent is surrounded in some mystery and owing to the secrecy imposed on its followers it is difficult to speak with any degree of certainty of its growth. It was the time when the Wesleyan community was undergoing a severe trial and many families left the church, some joining the Abode of Love at a little school room in Elm Street where services were marked with great simplicity. The death of Prince was a severe test to his followers' faith but things have gone on much as before. 05 09 05 – 05c

1905 09 13

Sir – I believe the earliest Cambridge photographer was George Proctor, who lived in New Square until he died about 1850. About the same time Sarony, a celebrated photographer, was allowed to carry on his business in a caravan on Parker's Piece. There were others including Nichols who had a flourishing business; he moved from Slaughter House Lane to St Mary's Passage and later his son to Post Office Terrace. He took my own portrait in 1854 and it is as good today as it was then – 'Three-score and twelve' 05 09 13a

1905 10 13
Nelson Street fight, p4

1906 02 17
Wellington St fire, p3

1906 02 19
Wellington St fire, p3

1906 03 08

The Beehive public house, Honey Hill, Cambridge had four rooms on the ground floor, including a parlour and a taproom for the use of customers. There was a front entrance from Honey Hill and a side entrance which also gave access to four cottages. It was therefore impossible for the police to maintain proper supervision as a constable would be seen going down there and people could slip out. There were 15 other public houses within 200 yards. Also: Golden Cross, Suffolk Hotel Grafton St, White Horse Coronation St, Sun in Sun St, Star in Castle St, Boot in King St 06 03 08c & d

1906 04 02

Patrick Canty was born in County Kerry and fought at Sebastopol during the Crimean campaign when he went to the rescue of a French general and was awarded the Legion of Honour, one of the few Irishmen to have received that medal. He emigrated to the USA before coming to Cambridge as licensee of the Crown and Harp pub in John Street. 06 04 02a

1906 12 12

The condition of Eden Street Higher Grade School gave cause for concern. The small infants room was encumbered with a huge gallery and another received practically no light. It had no playground and there could be few places in which so many children were crowded together on such a small site. Only because the staff was very efficient and the children very teachable did instruction meet with the success to which reports testified. 06 12 12 & a

1907 02 23

Cambridge Fire Brigade received news that a fire had broken out at Rhadegund Brewery, James Street, occupied by F.J. Swann. Fortunately the services of the steam engine were not required. The fall of live coal on a rug left the room full of smoke but Mr Swann threw buckets of water towards the grate while furniture was removed from the room below. 07 02 23

1907 03 15

William Maltby of Devonshire Road joined the police force in 1849, rising to the rank of inspector. In those days constables wore top hats instead of helmets with cut-away coats around which they wore a belt of piratical proportions. There were only 30 constables, two inspectors and a superintendent whose headquarters were in Emmanuel Road. 07 03 15

1909 03 05

The Rose and Crown, Pound Hill, was damp with paper peeling from the wall. There were seven other licenced premises nearby which all did better trade. But the landlord said he exercised great discretion in the customers he encouraged. Other pubs were frequented by the lower class. If it were closed it would be an inducement to the others not to cater for the better and quieter class but to draw a larger number just so they could boost their sales of beer, Magistrates renewed the licence. Also Traveller's Rest Huntingdon Road, White Horse in Coronation Street, Prince of Wales in Church St, Fox & Duck South Street, Oxford in Crispin Street, Johnny Gilpin in Gold Street & Prince Albert Castle Street. CWN 09 03 05

1909 10 22

A number of cyclists appeared in court for various offences. Undergraduates from Caius, Trinity and St John's colleges were fined for causing obstructions with their bicycles. Geoffrey Clayton of Pembroke College was summonsed for wheeling his bike across Christ's Pieces; he said he was a Freshman and had not seen the warning notices. Harold Grace of Queens' was fined for a similar offence in Portugal Place as was Edgar Proctor, a tobacconist of Mill Road. Carey Palmer, a printer of Warkworth Street, was fined five shillings for riding a cycle with no lights on New Square. CWN 09 10 22

1909 11 26

Councillors considered a police report on the auctioneers or cheap-jacks who visit Cambridge Market Hill on Saturday evenings and the Peas Hill in daytime with 'mock' jewellery. It was agreed such persons be not allowed and that in future 'Hoop-la' stalls be not allowed on Market Hill. A suggestion from the Cambridge University Automobile Club as to the placing of mirrors at the Bridge Street end of Jesus Lane was rejected. Drains in City Road and Eden Street were a nuisance and injurious to health, owners should do the necessary work or it will be done by the Surveyor and charged to them. CWN 09 11 26

1910

1910 01 14

Mr Paget's supporters held a torchlight procession through Regent Street, Emmanuel Road, Fitzroy Street, King Street and St Andrew's Street. Torches of many kinds, some of an evidently hastily prepared character, were held aloft and Mr Paget rode in a carriage in the centre of the procession, which included about 30 horsemen who formed an imposing guard of honour. The Conservative candidate was accompanied by crowds of men, lads and even women and girls, bearing aloft torches, pink lights and Union Jacks, and blowing tin trumpets and whistles. CWN 10 01 14a

1910 01 28

Leon Rothschild, a Russian tailor's cutter and Israel Schnitzer a tailor of Prospect Row appeared in court. Leon said he worked from 8am to 8pm and earned two guineas a week, but had then been given the sack. Israel however said he gave Leon work when there was any for him to do and he was paid at the rate of seven pence an hour. He had lent Rothschild money for his wedding expenses, paying for a ring and a pair of ear-rings. An IOU was produced but there was dispute as to whether a Russian word on the document meant 'received' or not so an interpreter was called in. 10 01 218f

1910 07 29

The Cambridge Cooperative Bakery in James Street is now the best-equipped and most up-to-date in the country. The yard used for loading vans has been built upon and the old bread-room demolished and replaced with a spacious new model bakery. A large rotary mixer can convert four sacks of flour into perfectly mixed dough in ten minutes and an ingenious piece of machinery turns out 2,000 loaves an hour. After the opening a procession of the Society's 30 vans and carts preceded by a brass band paraded the principal streets 10 07 29d

1911 05 12

The work of beautifying St John's Church in Wellington Street has been carried on steadily. The chancel curtains and all windows were thoroughly cleaned and the walls brushed down, the Holy Table has been restained, the communion rails polished and the ironwork regilded. It is hoped the organ may be cleaned and repaired and that a new lectern may be purchased. Mrs de Candole's kind gift of shrubs and plants has done much to beautify the churchyard 11 05 12e

1912 03 01

The merry sound of children's voices and laughter brought many of the residents in Melbourne Place to their doors. A host of happy schoolboys were sporting on the greensward where the old tennis courts used to be and now forms the site of the new higher grade schools, just about to be erected. A file of girls was entering from the Eden Street end while a troop of Boy Schools was drawn up,

colours fluttering in the breeze near a piece of ground marked out with surveyors measuring staves. They had come to see the Head Master and Head Mistress turn the first sods on the spot where the new schools are to be built. 12 03 01a

1912 07 26

The last speech day of the Higher Girls School in Eden Street was held; soon staff and scholars will be at work in the magnificent new buildings in Melbourn-Place. History of school reviewed. 12 07 26 I & j

1912 07 26

Licensing: Steeple Morden Hill House, Cherry Hinton Russian Arms, Swavesey Red Lion, Cambridge: Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose & Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Lamb in Guildhall St (details), Compasses in East Road 12 07 26 o&p

1912 09 13

Death headmaster of High Grade School, Paradise Street – 12 09 13c

1913 01 24

It seems practically certain that Cambridge United will lose their popular captain, Jack Rowell, for he has gone into business on his own account which will necessitate him giving up playing on Saturdays. Visiting clubs should note that Jack has taken over at the Hopbine in Fair Street where he will be able to accommodate them when playing in Cambridge. It is a great thing for teams to have somewhere to go where they will be well looked after and he understands their requirements. Jack is about to assume other responsibilities, for in a very short time he will have taken unto himself a wife. 1913 01 24 p3 CIP

1913 02 21

The Trustees of the 'Hope' Classroom in Paradise Street have offered to present it to the Education Committee for educational purposes. The Trustees of Eden Street Higher Grade School also offered their site and building for educational purposes on payment of £200 to be invested in maintaining the St Andrew the Less Parish Institute in Fitzroy Street. The school had been closed down because the buildings were too bad and a new one built in Melbourn Place but could be used for instruction in domestic subjects 13 02 21 p7 CIP

1913 04 18

The strained relations between the Superintendent of the Zion Sunday School and other church officers have resulted in a definite split. When the Sunday School was closed three weeks ago the local Press were asked to make no mention of the trouble in the hope that a peaceful settlement might be reached without publicity. But negotiations have failed and a new Prospect Sunday School and Mission Room has now been started in the former 'Express' Printing Works in Eden Street. 13 04 18 p5 CIP

1913 05 02

St John's church, Wellington Street organ reopening 13 05 02 p12

1913 07 18

Claverlery, jeweller, City Road, death *

1913 10 24

Prospect Row house defective

1913 11 21

Fair Street widening, 13 11 21 p7

1913 12 19

Charles Dixon said he came to Cambridge 50 years ago as a journeyman tailor and worked from three in the morning till eleven at night. Then he learnt the 'cotton' and took a manager's place in a large firm opposite St Johns after which he opened a business for himself in Downing Street. He worked hard for 40 years and built up a big trade. He built a little mission room in Victoria Street uplifting the fallen, acquired the Hoop Hotel to do away with the licence and plunged into house property. But this went wrong and he'd lost everything 13 12 19 p9

1914 02 23

Cambridge licenses – Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose and Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Compasses on East Rd have closed; are 233 licensed for sale intoxicating liquor on premises and 36 off – 14 02 13, a

1914 03 20

Exciting scenes were witnessed when a man escaped from custody at the bottom of Wellington Street, bolted up the Newmarket Road, crossed the G.E. Railway and got beyond the Rifle Butts on Coldham's Common before being recaptured. Many people followed the fortunes of the chase for a considerable distance. A rag-and-bone collector has been arrested but managed to wriggle out of the constable's grasp and bolt off. After leading police a pretty dance he was handcuffed and conveyed to the police station. Officers were subjected to a considerable amount of shouting and booing from the crowd. 14 03 20c

1914 05 01

Departure of Headmistress. - Miss Etheldreda Fleet, the Headmistress of the Infants' Department of the Linton Schools, leaves today (Friday). She has held that situation five years, having been appointed in March 1909. Previous to coming to Linton, Miss Fleet held the post of assistant teacher at Eden Street Higher Grade School, Cambridge, and she has also held posts in other parts of the County. Yesterday (Thursday) Miss Fleet was presented with a marble clock and breakfast cruet from the School Managers, teachers and children. As is already known, Miss Fleet is to marry Mr, J. H. Clarke, of Trinity College, Cambridge, shortly, and a number of local people have already sent presents. Her duties at the School will be taken up by Miss Houseman, from Yorkshire – 1914 05 01
CIPof

1914 08 28

Cambridge people are adding to the comfort of the soldiers encamped here. A refreshment tent has been set up for the artillerymen on the Polo Ground at Trumpington with another on Mr Matthew's meadow, Cherry Hinton Road. The Church Institute allows soldiers the use of their billiard table. There is a reading room in the Newnham School for the camp on Lammas Ground and a games room at the Prospect Church in Eden Street with writing material and picture postcards. Many socks for soldiers are being taken to the small striped tent on Midsummer Common and shirts would also be appreciated

1914 10 02

More wounded arrive, including a number of men recently at Cambridge who expressed their delight at returning to the place they were so well treated. Amongst them was the Haslingfield postman who cheerfully called 'I told you I should come back'. At Trinity College bugler Edwin Royston, who was on duty at the gate, suddenly recognised his half-brother, Serg. Hubert Wootten, among the wounded. He did not know he'd gone to the front, much less that he was returned. Both brothers belong to Cambridge, their relatives living in Willow Walk 14 10 02

1914 11 06

The new Territorial Forces headquarters in East Road are nearly completed and have been occupied by troops training in Cambridge. But the formal opening has been postponed. It stands on the site of the Technical Schools which have been adapted and added to and includes a spacious drill hall and

miniature rifle range abutting on to Adam and Eve Row. The Quartermaster's stores include a wooden gallery for use as a saddlery store for the Yeomanry.

1915 09 10

RAMC men on missing ship – include Rogers, Haslop, Rule of City Road – list of men of East Anglian Casualty Clearing Station & Field Ambulance

1916 03 15

Local tribunals at work – names members; includes Higher Grade School, Warkworth St, head; Flack & sons bootmakers; Hayward, marquee provider for soldiers - other trades – 16 03 15g

1916 07 26

Tipperary Club roll of honour, Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street – names – 16 07 19b; photo of unveiling – 16 07 26a

1917 06 20

First Cambridge War Kitchen on corner of Church Street opened; to promote economy by cooking on a large scale and enabling people to purchase food at small prices – 17 06 20b, photo 17 06 27c

1918 03 13

Cambridge pubs referred: Earl of Durham, Newmarket Road; Johnnie Gilpin, Gold Street; Racehorse, Newmarket Road; Brickmaker's Arms, Newmarket Road – 18 03 13a

1918 07 24

Licensing meeting; Star Brewery's Racehorse renewed, Earl of Durham on Newmarket Road; Johnny Gilpin, Gold Street; Horseshoe, Fen Drayton; Swan with two necks, Swavesey; Garden Gate, Histon closed; Harvest Home, Oakington renewed – 18 07 24a

1919 02 04

Licencing – Fox & Duck South St, White Horse Coronation St, Prince of Wales Church St, George IV East Road, Cardinal's Cap Guildhall Place, Borough Boys Northampton St, & others – 19 02 04e & f

1919 02 19

Floods highest since 1879; homes inundated Riverside & Newnham, parapet of house in Parker St collapses – 19 02 19a

1919 04 09

John Rayment, Nelson St & East Road, rag and metal merchant – advert showing premises – 19 04 09b, 19 04 30e

1920

1920 02 20

Shelter for Girls (Church Street Mission) founded 1854; its work explained

1920 02 25

Cambridge Shelter for Girls established 1851 by undergraduates and occupied building in Church St; had workshop in Newmarket Road till temporarily closed in 1918 because of lack of a worker. Re-opened 1918 as first-aid station for women in distress; needs support – 20 02 25a

1920 09 29

Improvements agreed Fair Street & Jesus Lane – 20 09 29b

1921 07 13

Public house closures – Melbourn Oak, Shepreth Half-way House; Over Black Horse, Bourn Greyhound' Cambridge Cherry Tree in Fitzroy St; Sovereign in Gold Street; Marquis of Granby in Bridge St; - 21 07 13b

1922 01 18

Robert Odell, jobmaster and horse dealer of Britannia Place meeting creditors – 22 01 18a

1922 12 22

The casual spectator dropping in at the Service Buildings, Eden Street, Cambridge might well believe he had found the headquarters of toy-land. It is here that the work of packing and distributing the toys sent in connection with the Children's Toy Fund is taking place with a busy hive of workers, largely composed of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides engaged in carrying out these duties. For the guidance of the packers a blackboard announces the fact that each parcel should contain two oranges, one apple, one bag of nuts, one bag of sweets, one bon-bon, two large and one small toy. Besides this each child was to receive a book or picture paper, and chocolates were to be given to babies

1923 01 22

Saturday and Sunday were great days in the history of local Unitarians, for they witnessed the realisation of a dream - the opening and dedication of a permanent Unitarian Church building in Cambridge. For something like 20 years Unitarians in Cambridge have been meeting in hired halls. The new hall is a particularly fine one in Victoria Street and eminently suitable for the purpose intended. It was also stated that a member of the congregation had now undertaken to erect a memorial church, which would mean that the new hall would be greatly extended

1923 10 12

Alfred Deines, organ grinder, was summoned for making "a noise to the annoyance of inhabitants" in Orchard Street, Cambridge. P.C. Willis stated he heard him shouting "water cress" and told him that in view of complaints he would be reported. Defendants took his barrow and went away. He was fined 2s.6d.

1923 12

The satisfaction of the 18 men who spent Christmas at the Cambridge Church Army Home, Willow Walk may be summed up in the words of one of them – "a very nice time indeed - splendid". Their four course Christmas dinner included pork and beef and Christmas pudding. On Christmas Day they entertained themselves by playing and singing whilst on Boxing Day they were able to entertain friends. We saw two enjoying a game of billiards with oranges for balls!

1924 04 20

Walter Flack said he was driving a tumbril cart along Emmanuel Road, Cambridge, and when he got to the corner he saw that tarring was in progress. He took a wide sweep to avoid an accident and a labourer shouted to him to get off the tar. He stopped and got out because his horse was restive and asked why he was shouting, when he was hit over head with a broom, knocking him to his knees. The wound was 11 inches long, penetrating to the bone. He was taken home in the police ambulance. John Mayes, a cinema attendant, said he was pulling the advertisement trolley of the Central cinema and saw the occurrence

1924 12 21c

Sir - we in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, are pleased to see the road being repaired, but cannot something be done to prevent the inhabitants being awakened at half-past-three in the morning? At this unearthly hour the steam rollers are stoked up and this continues every half hour and it is impossible for anyone in the vicinity to get any sleep. If I were to make such a noise so early I should be promptly called to order by the police for creating a nuisance -W. H. Thompson

1925 06 05

Cambridge council was told that the Brunswick school did not exist at the present time because the Borough surveyor drew attention to the giving way of the building, and they first of all had to pull down the Boys' School because it was dragging the other part down, and eventually they pulled down the Girls' School. The girls were in temporary premises at Paradise Street School and the boys in Fitzroy Street. They had to bear in mind that a new bridge was going to be built at Walnut Tree Avenue some time – (laughter) – and when that was done they would have to accommodate some children from old Chesterton.

1925 08 08

Sir – Much has been written about the street lighting of Cambridge. Emmanuel Road, Emmanuel Street and Drummer Street are all under repair and consequently all the main road traffic has to proceed via Clarendon Street or New Square. Yet in the whole length of these roads not a single lamp is lighted at nights. In fact in the whole district there is not one lamp. Isn't it time that something was done to instil a little sense into the heads of those who direct the town affairs? It is false economy to make the streets danger traps for motorists, cyclists & pedestrians. – F.I. Cowles

1925 10 19

A comprehensive scheme for the provision of parking places in Cambridge will be laid before the Town Council who are empowered to authorise any part of a street as a parking place, though no charge can be made for parking cars in the public streets. Sites include Trumpington Street opposite the Leys School, Maids' Causeway, Lensfield Road, King Street & Jesus Lane. In Pound Hill it is proposed to allocate space for parking motor buses from St Neots and St Ives

1925 12 12

The Cambridge Women's Welfare Association was formed recently to bring a knowledge of birth control methods within reach of poor mothers. It is a rule that every woman attending must be seen by a doctor and the Cambridge Centre, Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street has both a lady doctor and a certified midwife in attendance. The London Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics began its work in a small way at Walworth and now has centres at North Kensington and Wolverhampton as well as Cambridge. At Walworth 5,275 separate cases have been dealt with since its work began in 1921.

1926 04 16

PC Bird told magistrates he saw the defendant riding a motor cycle in James Street, Cambridge. He was standing on the saddle and with his hands on the handlebars. Witness told him he had no control over the machine, and he replied "None whatsoever". There were other machines in the street and some children playing on the footpath. Defendant who pleaded guilty said: "I did not think there was any harm in doing it in a quiet street near my house", he said. Magistrates took a lenient view and dismissed him with a caution.

1926 07 17

The Star Brewery applied for the renewal of the licence of the Crown beerhouse in Wellington Street, Cambridge. There were seven fully-licensed houses and three beerhouses within 260 yards. They had lost the licenses of the Woodman's Arms & Crown and Anchor in Newmarket Road in 1907 & 1910, the Oxford, Crispin Street in 1916 and the Priory Tap in 1911. The brewery had rebuilt and brought the Crown up to date in 1914 but as the tenant's family increased the trade was neglected: It was not a good thing for a house of this kind when there was a lot of children running about.

1927 02 21

A craze for driving cars lead to the appearance at Cambridge Police Court of two youths who were charged with stealing petrol and oil used while having a joy ride in stolen cars. Terence Gray of Gog Magog House said he had left his car at the Sun Street parking place, Newmarket Road, Cambridge; when he went for it it was missing. The Chief Constable said he had received numerous complaints from people who had left their cars there. The prisoner said: "I did not intent to steal it. I have a craze for driving cars. We have had three".

1927 09 17

Street improvement operations are taking place at the corner of New Square and Fair Street, Cambridge. The corner house occupied by Mr Woodley Betts, the dentist, tends to obstruct the view of traffic and work has started on demolishing it. It is proposed to round the corner by pulling down the present house and building another with a rounding feature. In this way a good deal of ground will be thrown into the public roadway and the line of vision greatly improved.

1928 01 23

It was with feelings of justifiable pride and deep gratitude that the Unitarians of Cambridge assembled in their new Memorial Church, Emmanuel Road for its dedicatory service. It stands as a perpetual memorial to the memory of Mr G.W. Brown. The church has been designed by Ronald P. Jones who was responsible for the Church Hall in 1922 and follows the normal "college chapel" design. Prof Burkitt referred to the difficulties the movement experienced in the '80s when services were held in the smoky atmosphere of a billiard room in Green Street.

1928 02 04

Justices turned down an application for the removal of the licence of the Elm Tree, Orchard Street, Cambridge to premises proposed to be erected at the junction of Milton Road and Green End Road. The Elm Tree was redundant and not necessary for the needs of the locality and there were over 100 people in favour of the new site. Large numbers of houses were being erected in that area which would be inhabited by people who would not be able to afford a wine cellar of their own and have to go to a public house for their bottle of beer. But the residents were people who had been taken from the slums; their incomes were very small and there was no margin for drink in their budget.

1928 04 19

At the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Cambridge Co-operative Society the Chairman, Mr G.J. Golding, said he wondered what the people concerned with the little business in City Road, Cambridge, sixty years ago would think of the Society today with annual sales of £190,000, a membership of 16,000, 20 branches and 370 employees. Half the population of Great Britain, directly or indirectly, was now within the Co-operative movement

1929 03 02

Cambridge councillors debated the proposed exchange of Butts Green for New Square in order that it might be converted into a parking place. If I lived in New Square I should not be at all pleased at the idea of that nice little patch of green giving way to a parking place, but if I had a business establishment in Fitzroy Street I should say "Yes, let the cars park there by all means". There is a danger of New Square being built upon in the near future and residents may consider a car park the least of two evils. Others are concerned about using the amenities of Butts Green, though one questioned whether it was used for anything but beating carpets.

1929 10 03

Cambridge Labour Party was told that if they wanted Butts Green as a parking place they must be prepared to face the question: 'Are you in favour of free parking?' They could not charge for cars on common land. Councillor Stubbs said there was no more objection to free parking than to free recreation. He personally objected to paying rates and then being charged for parking his 'Rolls'. Would residents in New Square like to have the noise and smell of the motors?

1929 10 14

Cambridge councillors will discuss swapping a portion of Butt Green running alongside Victoria Avenue from Jesus Lane towards the river. It would be surrendered to Jesus College and would be fenced, although a footpath would be made. In exchange they would get New Square which would then be converted into a motor car park, together with two acres of land off Auckland Road which would be thrown into Midsummer Common and a small piece of land in front of the new Brunswick School buildings.

1929 12 10

Sir – I was in the vicinity of Fitzroy Street early one morning and could see a driver with a one-horse van coming from Burleigh Street. He turned right on the corner round Eden Chapel on the wrong side and left down James Street, heedless of any danger. On seeing a police constable I asked whether he had noticed the careless driving around these blind corners. He replied: “This man, being alone driving one horse and van is under no rules or regulations and if he wishes is at liberty to wobble all over the road”. I suggest members of Eden Chapel should be approached over this unsightly spot, with its projecting iron fence; it is a serious block to public traffic. All such dangerous corners should be abolished – E. Claydon, Parsonage Street, Cambridge

1930

1930 05 19

Cambridge has found dealing with motor traffic increasingly difficult in recent years, Counsel told an inquiry. He emphasised the inconvenience to motorists when no central parking places were available but now the council had made an agreement with Jesus College for the use of New Square as a car park in exchange for Butt Green and a piece of Midsummer Common. It would mean the surrender of 2½ acres of Common Land, but it would remain undeveloped & would allow the college to make a new entrance. The scheme was approved. 30 05 19 & b

1931 02 13

Cambridge justices heard that the Crown and Sceptre in Clarendon Street was only open from Monday to Saturday and closed at nine o’clock instead of ten, which was the ordinary time for licenced houses. It was a comfortable house and the company was good but customers found early closing irksome and went to other pubs of which there were five within 200 yards. A full licence was granted subject to improvement in the sanitary arrangements. 31 02 13c-d

1931 07 17

A Cambridge women resident in Salmon Lane, off Fair Street, told the court she went out for a bottle of stout when another punched her in the mouth and tore the sleeve of her dress. “I have had to endure this life for two years”, she said. “Each time I go out of my house I’m insulted because I’m a respectable married woman & won’t mix with them”. She denied that she’d hit her husband and cut his head open or that her baby kept neighbours awake with its crying. 31 07 17e

1932 03 23

After all the controversy and heated arguments of a few years ago, there was no excitement at the opening of the New Square parking place. The council turned up in force and from under the shelter of umbrellas watched the Mayoress drive her car through the pale blue ribbon that had been knotted across the opening. At last motorists have a place where they can leave their cars and not come into the police courts. The Master of Jesus suggested that path inside the trees should be known as Coleridge Walk. 32 03 23b

1932 04 09

Sir – as motorists do not appear to need the new New Square car park I suggest something useful should be done with it. It could be turned into tennis courts or used as a model yacht pond, a skating rink or the site for the new Guildhall. Meanwhile the surface should be coloured an appropriate shade of green as the white grey of the desolate expanse of concrete hurts my eyes. And could passers-by spare a few books for the attendant to read while he is waiting for the customers who never come – Ratepayer. 32 04 09

1933 07 19

Crowds of about 5,000 persons witnessed the thrilling demonstrations of the wonderful non-skid properties of Michelin Zigzag tyres at New Square car park. After It was drenched with water two Austin Sevens, a Morris ‘14’ commercial van and a Citroen saloon went whizzing round at a dizzy

speed, twisting, turning, swerving abruptly to right and left, corkscrewing and turning figures of eight in a perfectly hair-raising fashion. Their tyres gripped like octopuses. 33 07 19

1933 11 23

Cambridge man told the bankruptcy court that he had farmed at Rectory Farm Coton after the war, then gone into partnership in a retail milk and dairy business in Ely High Street. In 1927 he purchased part of the dairy business at Cherry Hinton Hall Farm and then bought a coal business in John Street, Cambridge. He did not know anything about the trade and he had competition. The weather was against him: the winter of 1932 was very bad for coal merchants and the summer of 1933 made it a jolly sight worse. 33 11 23

1933 11 28

Cambridge Victoria Friendly Society's Institution opened its new pavilion with a verandah from which residents could watch Cambridge Town Football Club's matches. It had started in hired cottages in James Street but in 1841 the foundation stone for the present building was laid. Cottages were added in 1888 and 1899 thanks to the Jubilee fund with the four others known as Miller's Buildings opened in 1906. It provides accommodation for 37 residents whose average age is 70 years. 33 11 28

1934 08 13

Cambridge Fire Brigade averted a serious conflagration in Paradise Street. They were called to some lock-up garages beneath Messrs Coulson's stores where a lorry was found to be blazing fiercely with flames through the floor of the store above. If the fire had reached a petrol and oil store another row of garages would inevitably have become involved. Their smart work confined the damage to the lorry, which was practically burnt out. 34 08 13

1934 08 17

We regret to announce the deaths of three well-known Cambridge men - Dr F.E. Aphorpe Webb, medical practitioner of Grafton House, Maids Causeway was registrar of the 1st Eastern General Hospital during the war until and later held several official appointments. Mr A.E. Chaplin, governing director of Messrs R. Sayle & Co was at one time its sole proprietor. He lost both his sons during the War and in 1919 the business became a limited liability company. Mr Haydn Inwards was for many years leader of the Cambridge University Musical Society orchestra and extremely popular with local audiences. All three were members of the Scientific Lodge of Freemasons. 34 08 17

1935 08 03

Prince the Airedale dog owned by Mrs Rowell of Fair Street is one of the most persistent cadgers. His life-long occupation is to sit in a public house and beg for pennies from customers which he does by tapping their pockets with his muzzle to make them jingle. If he is offered a penny he goes to the counter and buys a biscuit which he lays at the feet of the donor and waits for permission to eat. He also goes to the shop and buys a newspaper for his mistress every morning. 35 08 03b

1935 08 27

Political travelling cinema, New Square car park – photo – 35 08 27

1935 09 03

Ernest Zaratin, depot manager for T. Wall, ice-cream merchant at Cambridge told the court that a man was sent to him from the Labour Exchange and engaged as an ice-cream vendor. He was issued with a complete outfit and ice-cream and went off on his round. The tricycle was later found abandoned in Gold Street close to the White Ribbon Hostel. There was £1.6s.4d worth of ice-cream missing. 35 09 03a

1935 11 22

As a Cambridge Corporation steam roller made its majestic way along Adam and Eve Row the road gently subsided. So did the steam roller as one wheel became buried nearly up to the axle, fracturing

the water main. Mr A.C. Mallyon, the driver, said "I felt the roller sink a little so opened the regulator to try and get it past the spot before it sank, but before you could say 'one' it was in. If I hadn't had hold of the regulator handle I reckon I should have fallen overboard". It was several hours before the roller was eventually 'rescued' by means of jacks and the main repaired. 35 11 22b pics 35 11 22c

1936 07 15

James Street was the scene of one of the most serious blazes Cambridge has experienced in years. It started when a Ford van caught fire at the premises of William Scott, house decorators, builders, motor and coach painters. It spread to their motor-body room where a number of cars were in for renovation. The place was soon a veritable inferno as drums of paint and oil exploded. Flames engulfed ladders and handcarts belonging to the Cambridge Window Cleaning Company then Messrs Pate's builders workshops which were reduced to ashes or scrap. The damage must run to many thousands of pounds 36 07 15 & a

1937 03 05

Magistrates heard that the Old Guinea public house in Russell Street was owned by the Star Brewery who had redecorated it and fitted a new fire and sink. There were seven fully-licensed houses and two off-licences within 400 yards. The Burleigh Arms in Burleigh Street was a beerhouse which provided a living for the tenant who found great difficulty in getting any work. The Rabbit in Gold Street was a comfortable little house; it had two extremely nice trade rooms and Green King had put in new windows. The residents of East Road might be 'scared off' a big place. The Cross Keys in Saxon Street was the only beer house in the neighbourhood which had five fully-licences housed within 400 yards. Beer was drawn straight from the wood, which was an attraction and trade was good. 37 03 05j

1937 04 23

Wm Scott and Son, art decorators and painting opened their new premises in James Street. On the site of the disastrous fire which gutted the old site in July last has arisen one of the most up-to-date works equipped with the very latest plant and materials for high quality motor-body and van repairs, cellulose spraying, painting, lettering, joinery work etc. They are specialists in glass & sign writing, plumbing and repairs to residential and business property and have achieved distinction for the high quality of all work. – Advert. 37 04 23e

1937 09 25

Jesus Lane Sunday School was set up in 1827, later moving to King Street where many local children were taught religion by undergraduates who rose to positions of eminence in the church. A new large school was erected in Paradise Street in 1868. But times change. After the war many families have moved further out so now they have sold that building and erected a new hall in Brooks Road which will also serve as a temporary church until a new one can be built. All children between eight and 15 are invited 37 09 25

1937 10 01

Cambridge Spiritualists held a fair in the Carpenter Hall, Victoria Street, in aid of their building fund. They had bought a piece of freehold land, despite some misgivings, and were anxious to put a church on it. There was no state support. All the spiritualist churches in the country had been secured by their own efforts. "If we are not here in physical form we shall be in the spiritual body to see the church" they were told by Mr A.J. Case, the president 37 10 01

1937 12 13

A new police and fire station should be erected at Parkside, between Warkworth Terrace and East Road. The site is a very central one, had the great advantage of good access and egress from a fire-fighting point of view and the area is adequate for present and future requirements, councillors were told. Bearing in mind the possible future requirements for protection against air raids it was desirable that both police and fire stations should be in one unit on a new site 37 12 13

1938 01 04

Mrs Emma Turner, Cambridge's only centenarian, looks not a day over seventy and stands as upright as she did fifty years ago. Born on 4th January 1838 at East Harling, Norfolk, she has an amazing ability to hold intelligent conversations with a stream of visitors at her cottage in Paradise Row, off Paradise Street. She has not been out of doors for five or six years, but retains all her faculties apart from very slight deafness and is able to sew and read without glasses. The arrival of a telegram of congratulations from the King and Queen brought her much pleasure. 38 01 04

1938 05 14

A new mental welfare centre for children was opened at the Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street. When such a child came of school age he was excluded from school so the mother had to have him at home all day, teaching what she could and preventing him getting into danger. This was in addition to her ordinary work. The child missed the social life and companionship of other pupils. The new centre would allow classes five days a week with the elder girls cooking a hot meal and doing all the laundry and kitchen work. 38 05 14 & a

1938 05 30

Wm Scott & Son, the oldest motor body decorating firm with modern ideas, James Street – 38 05 30

1938 07 28

Plans for a new police and fire station on Parkside between Warkworth Terrace and East Road came before an Inspector. It was a central site with good access for engine and ambulances and suitable for future requirements. It comprised five houses with a pork pie factory behind. But owners, Peterhouse, did not want to sell. They were concerned about noise at night and some undesirable 'guests' at the police station reducing the value of adjacent property. 38 07 28

1938 08 19

A fracas at Wellington Street had a sequel at Cambridge Police Court. One man claimed another had insulted his wife by calling her a 'wireless set' so he hit his mother and grandfather. After that there was a free fight. The Mayor said they could not do that sort of thing and Wellington Street must be better behaved. People should not meddle with other people's private affairs. 32 08 19a

1938 11 24

During the recent gale the roof of St Barnabas' Institute was damaged, bricks blown from a chimney stack at Hawkins' shop on the corner of Gold Street and a chimney pot lifted clean off a house in Sturton Street. Extensive damage was also caused to two shops at Green End Road. Haystacks, especially those unthatched, suffered badly and a furniture lorry was blown over near the Swavesey turning when the gale was at its height. 38 11 24a

1939 05 17

When Christ Church was established, 100 years ago, Barnwell inhabitants were described as 'heathen and dissolute'. Nelson Street was known as 'Devil Street' and there were many proctorial raids. The credit for the change was due to churches such as Christ Church and Zion who had now eliminated many of the differences between themselves. Congregations had been very hard hit by the demolition of houses in the districts but they hoped more young people would offer support, the centenary celebrations were told 39 05 17

1939 12 30

George Proctor was earliest photographer, says Pink; he lived in New Square and died 1867. Ernest Smart has a number of family portraits 39 12 30

1940

1940 02 16

Late Butler of Emmanuel. The Master and Fellows of Emmanuel, as well as many of the staff, attended the funeral of Mr. Percy William Fisher, butler at the college, which took place in the college

chapel on Monday. Mr. Fisher, who was 58 years of age and lived in Warkworth Street, Cambridge, had been in the service of the college for 36 years, during the last two of which he had been butler

1940 07 19

Sapper W. Gurner, Willow Place missing since Dunkirk – 40 07 19c

1941 09 25

Mobile help for blitz victims on display New Square – converts into mobile office, carries marquee –

1941 12 11

WVS open-air cooking demonstration, New Square – 41 12 11

1943 01 08

Golden Wedding on New Year's Day. — On Friday. Mr. and Mrs Samuel Birne of the Golden Rose, Emmanuel Road Cambridge, celebrated their' golden wedding on New Year's Day. Mr. Birne, who, at the age of 73, has just recovered from a serious stomach operation, is well-known in the sporting world as a former racehorse trainer, and a sports correspondent. Until the start of the present war, he was Royston correspondent for the "Sporting Life," the "Sporting Chronicle" and the Press Association. He had served in this capacity for these newspapers for 50 years and for the P.A. for 40 years. He once had his own training establishment at Royston. This he closed owing to the Heath restrictions in 1904 although he kept on a stable with a few horses. Mr. and Mrs. Birne were married in London in 1893, and have had three sons and two daughters, all of whom have married.

1945 01 30

First horse bus to operate in Cambridge, driven by H. Willis; taken outside depot in John Street, the bus serving the Mill Road district – photo – 45 01 30

1945 05 11

VE celebrations –45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25

1945 05 25

Local P.O.W. Gunner E.C. Prevett, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Prevett, of 182 Newmarket Road, has returned home after three years in captivity. He was captured Tobruk in July 1942, and was in an Italian P.O.W. camp until Italy capitulated when he was transferred to Stalag 4C, whence he was liberated. Another Cambridge man has this week returned home from a German P.O.W. camp. He is Brd. J. Andrews, of 59 Ross Street, and has been a prisoner for nearly three years, being liberated from Stalag 18A. Previous to the outbreak of war he was in business with his uncle, Mr. W. Bell, butcher, of Ross Street. H.A.V. Clark, of 8a George IV Street, Cambridge, has returned home from Stalag XXB. He was taken prisoner on May 23 1940 at Boulogne. He is known as Nobby the Cook. News has been received by Mr. A and Mrs. Gurner, of 19 Willow Place, Cambridge, that their son, Sapper B. Gurner has arrived in England, and will be shortly at home. He was in Stalag 344 and was a prisoner five years

1945 08 29

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherry Hinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, King's Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd, Sedgwick St,

Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a

1945 09 07

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherry Hinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b

1947 04 08

Sir, I am interested in the letter of H.O. Fleming on the collection of refuse. The only way to have the old dustbin removed is to see the dustmen personally and make a suitable arrangement with them. I have had to do this myself and have found them very civil and helpful. The dustmen are highly selective and seem to go through the bins carefully, taking out anything they do not fancy and strewing it about. They also batter the bin out of shape very quickly and in many case leave it some distance away from where it is placed outside my premises. Now that we have provided cars for officials they might perhaps get around a little and see what is being done - (letter from J.R.Partington, Maids Causeway, Cambridge)

1947 10 10

A proposal to improve Drummer Street bus station was discussed at Cambridge Town Council. Ald Briggs said "Drummer Street is already overcrowded and traffic is going to increase in the coming years". The Committee had discussed a suggestion that a portion of Butt Green should be used as a bus station and had previously considered the use of New Square as a bus station. Coun Cutting considered that the proposal was too urgent to wait, "If you saw last year the thousands standing out in the cold in Drummer Street you would not have thought it was any credit to the town"

1948 09 11c

When the East Road Boys' Club reopens in its new premises behind the St John's Mission Church in Wellington Street, Cambridge, another year of really constructive work by its members will have begun. This club has proved what great feats can be accomplished when a team of boys learn to work together and understand their responsibilities to the community and club. The boys' ages range from 14 to 18 and their programme is designed to create a balance in their physical, spiritual and mental development. During the past year, for example, they won the Pointer Cup for boxing. It is run entirely by voluntary effort and has a membership of 100 boys.

1949 03 03

Speaking to a crowded assembly at the opening of the Free Poles Club in St Andrew's Hall, Emmanuel Road, Cambridge the Vice Chancellor described the need for friendly relations between Britons and the Free Poles in this country, as a step which would foster inter-national harmony. The club is open not only to Poles all over the country but to anyone showing interest in Anglo-Polish relationship

1949 05 03

The Drummer Street bus station is a topic always sure of a lively discussion at Women's Institute meetings. At the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation the present provisions were condemned in no uncertain terms. A Fulbourn member thought it would be a waste to spend more money on the existing system, which was all wrong. Advocating the use of New Square she spoke of the danger to children running across the road after school to catch buses. "There will be a fatal accident there before long, then perhaps something will be done", she said

1949 10 06

The proposal to buy St John's hall, Wellington St, Cambridge, for use as the East Road Boys' Club was criticised. The building was described as "a filthy hovel, scheduled for demolition and without sun and air", part had been condemned as unsafe some years ago. "It is a place I would not want to

put pigs in", said Coun. Dennard. Mrs Rackham agreed it was a poor neighbourhood, but thought it would take years and years for the whole of the district to be demolished.

1950

1952 09 12

Fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at Jack N. Baldry's Mineral Water Works at Gold Street, Cambridge. It broke out in the first floor of the factory where corks, labels and bottles were kept & ran the whole length of the roof of one wing, most of which was destroyed. Firemen were hampered by extremely dense smoke, melting lead from the valleys of the roof and by many of the mineral water bottles exploding

1952 10 23

Proposals for the bus station at Drummer Street, Cambridge, were discussed at the Planning Inquiry. The bus company preferred a station to be sited on New Square which was double the area of Drummer Street. But would passengers agree – and they are entitled to be considered sometimes. Half to two-thirds would use Emmanuel Street. The amount of bus traffic would increase if greater provision was made & there would be a traffic blockage at Four Lamps roundabout

1952 11 05

Much of the congestion in the central area of Cambridge could be dealt with by providing car parks in the right places rather than the provision of extra circulatory routes the Chief Constable told the Development Plan inquiry. Closing of Magdalene Street would inevitably lead to an increased use of the Backs and the proposed spine relief road would not afford relief to traffic in the city centre. The police had received many complaints concerning the amount of noise at Drummer Street bus station late at night. By moving it to New Square this objection would be alleviated

1952 11 20

Edward Lainson of Premier Travel told the Development Plan Inquiry that it would be highly undesirable to move the bus station from Drummer Street to New Square. Access would be difficult and the crossing of Emmanuel Road by a large number of people would constitute a danger. It would cause congestion because a lot of people who found the buses handy would start using their cars

1953 02 23

A new branch of the Westminster Bank opened in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, a fairly busy district which up to now has not been served by a bank of any sort. Inside the visitor is greeted with an attractively decorated modern interior. Cheques will be taken to the parent branch in Bene't Street where they are photographed and available for the customer to examine. An interesting feature is that a night safe has been provided. The first person to open an account was Geoffrey Nichols, of the Free Press, Prospect Row.

1953 06 03

The special prize of £5 for the best decorated private house competition in Cambridge was won by Mrs M. O'Dell of Staffordshire Street who beat her nearest rival, Mr A.A. Cox of Victoria Road by one point. The standard was high and points awarded for each ward were very close. Winners included: Abbey Ward Mr R. Runham of Wellington Street; Castle: Miss J. Bowers, Windsor Road; Coleridge: Mr Blows, Cherry Hinton Road; Cherry Hinton: Mr R. Abraham, Chalmers Road and Market Mr W.G.D. Clee of Union Road.

1954 02 12

The elm tree on the pavement near the junction of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Road, Cambridge, is probably 250 years old. It is a little over 70 feet in height and sixteen feet in circumference. In the 1940s some of the lower branches were removed to prevent contact by omnibuses but now extensive rotting has taken place in the main branches. These should be removed and any hollows scraped out and filled with concrete, but in view of its scientific interest as much as possible should be retained.

The Botanic Garden hopes to perpetuate samples from the old tree by grafting some of its twigs on to young elms

1955 08 05

With 126 babies a lot of noises is to be expected but they were surprisingly good and few cries could be heard at Cambridge's bonniest baby exhibition. For the most part they sat contentedly on their mother's knees waiting to be judged. Winners of the various age categories were Teresa Murray from Byron Square, Joy Quinney of Queen Edith's Way; Linda Barker of Canterbury Street and Gerald Peachey of Sedgwick Street while Patricia and Jacqueline Hooks of James Street won the twins competition. 55 08 05c

1956 02 21

Fire seriously damaged Laurie and McConal's warehouse in Willow Place, Fitzroy Street. Children and old folk were evacuated as over 50 firemen fought Cambridge's biggest fire for years in near-arctic conditions. They were taken to the Church Army Hall where, huddling round a blazing fire, they wondered what would happen to their homes. Volunteers from the Hopbine public house assisted firemen to save their furniture. 56 02 21c & d

1956 04 19

Cambridge Boys Club in Wellington Street is meeting a real need since it opened six years ago. Councillor Burkitt said the first time he went there the noise was terrific, there was not a single pane left unbroken and the club was very disorderly. Now it was well-run and had established a tradition of decent behaviour and loyalty; the boys took pride in making it a credit to the community. 55 11 17a An enquiry heard that Cambridge city council had wanted to purchase land at the junction of Fitzroy Street and Wellington Street, pull down the old houses and use the land to re-site industry displaced from the East Road area. They offered to pay the current price but the owner, a former chairman of the Council's Finance Committee, said that if the land had potential for light industry then the price should be higher. Eventually negotiations broke down. Now he applied to redevelop the area, but the council opposed his plans. 56 04 19a & b

1956 10 16a

Councillors say that multi-storey car parks should be provided at Lion Yard, Saxon Street, Park Street and New Square and 170 cars should be parked on the site of the existing police flats at Parkside. But traffic congestion in Cambridge has become so acute that 'No Waiting' restrictions should be imposed in the central area and King Street made one-way. 56 10 16a

1956 12 04

After 25 years and nine previous meeting places, Cambridge Christian Spiritualist Church moved into their own permanent home. The former Crown and Harp public house, John Street, can hold 100 people. The church had its beginning in July 1931 and met at 11 Ram Yard which was hit by a bomb and totally destroyed on 27th July 1942, a brass cross being the only thing saved. 56 12 04a

1957 03 02

A new public house, 'The Weathervane' can be built on Perne Road but the Star brewery must transfer the licence from The Crown and Compasses in George IV Street and will close the Crown, Wellington Street and the Star on Newmarket Road. People living in the new houses in the area objected, one lady saying she'd saved her money to buy a house there to be away from pubs. Pupils at Coleridge Evening Centre, one of the finest institutions in the country, might be degraded while people who drank were more likely to catch disease than those who did not. 57 03 02

1957 04 20

It had been planned to make a car park on the site of the proposed County Fire Station at 44 Parkside. But as this is to be built sooner than expected the site for the new Police Station should be used instead since it would not be needed for another 15 years. But this was a residential area, the Chief Constable had dozens of complaints regarding even a police garage there. There were other sites: New

Square could take another 90 cars very easily and there is plenty of space round the backs of the colleges. 57 04 20

1957 09 04

The Cambridge Dunkirk Veteran's Association held their inaugural meeting at the 'Hopbine' in Fair Street. The evacuation bought out the best in all three services in adversity but they should remember those who died on the beachheads. Close on 40 members are expected to join and it is hoped their name will soon command the same respect as that enjoyed by the Old Contemptibles who are now very old. 57 09 04a

1958 01 22

Fitzroy/Burleigh Street is easily the most convenient shopping area in the city, handy to the bus station and enjoys ample parking facilities. There is one car park at New Square and another in Burleigh Street. It offers the widest variety imaginable with two department stores and 39 specialist shops. You can get everything from fish cakes to furniture. Two good reasons why you should do your shopping there – Advertisement by the Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Traders Association. 58 01 22

1958 02 22

Cambridge Boys Club in St John's Hall, Wellington Street is flourishing under the leadership of Chris Silcock. Despite the volume of noise the youngsters are not idle. In well-equipped workshops they are taught woodwork and metalwork while the more artistic are instructed in modelling and painting. There is table tennis, P.T. and boxing along with photography, chess, talks and trips abroad. Parents attend on open nights when the fun is shared by all. 58 02 22

1958 09 25

An inquiry into plans for the compulsory purchase and clearance orders affecting 67 houses in East Road, Fitzroy Street, Adam and Eve Street and Gloucester Terrace heard from three objectors. Mr J.N. Baldry had plans to develop his site in connection with his mineral water business. But the Medical Officer said the area contained some of the worst houses in Cambridge: they were all unfit and clearance would serve the interests of public health. 58 09 25

1959 01 16

A former University student told the court that when he went down he had left some property in the attic of his former lodgings in Victoria Street. The house had been sold and the new owner, who knew nothing about the arrangement, had cleared 'a few books and some moth-eaten rubbish'. But the student said it included a 'Kente cloth', a robe given him by his grandfather, who was brother of the Paramount Chief of Western Mzima in Ghana and demanded its return. 59 01 16a

1959 06 06

The Cambridge Association for Social Welfare told how in 1854 a group of undergraduates opened a Mission in Church Street, later to be called Stanton House, where spiritual and material help was given to women and girls in serious moral trouble. Then in 1883 a group of University ladies formed the 'Cambridge Association for the Care of Girls' finding work for girls living under dangerous circumstances

1959 08 26

Sir – in the area between Warkworth Street and Burleigh Street there are many little houses which have been bought by elderly people for their retirement and by young couples starting a new home. Now having been put in good order they are to be demolished by the Council in a 'development scheme'. It is cruel, unnecessary, and wasteful to pull down houses which are in liveable condition because in the same neighbourhood there are a number that are neglected and damp. I hope ratepayers will protest – Hilda Finney, Prospect Row. 59 08 26

1959 11 11

The proposed Lion Yard scheme provided for a pedestrians-only shopping precinct linked to Petty Cury, office space (to be offered to the University if needed), a new Emmanuel Road, the widening of Corn Exchange Street and an underground car park including space for 750 cars of which 230 would be for office staff. There would also be a new telephone exchange, an Inquiry was told. The scheme would be completed by 1965. 59 11 11c & d & e

1960's The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960

1960 02 02

Civil Defence HQ opens Warkworth Terrace – 60 02 02

1960 02 03

The picturesque 'Free Press' public house in Prospect Row stands in an area which the City Council wish to clear for redevelopment and is likely to be demolished one day. It once catered for printers from the old University Press in Brandon Place and consists of two cottages knocked into one. The licensee, Geoffrey Nichols, has been in occupation since 1927. When he first came it was 'an old spittoon sort of place' but now businessmen like its smoke room, workmen and their wives enjoy a drink in the public bar, and the snug, the slip and the bottle and jug department each cater for a public of their own. The walls are covered with photographs of actors and variety artists who used to lodge nearby while appearing at the New Theatre. 60 02 03

1960 04 29

All the property on the south side of John Street, Cambridge, is good property; quite a lot is privately owned by the occupiers who wanted to stay. They should not be forced to leave their home because the whole area is to be demolished and rebuilt. The council would be adopting 'Gestapo methods' if they insisted on the destruction of their houses. But people who lived in hovels felt exactly the same and if the council subtracted one or two properties they would destroy the whole scheme 60 04 29d

1960 05 28

Prospect Row demolition concerns – 60 05 28

1960 06 01

Sir – Orchard Street is one of the minor beauties of Cambridge. Its old gas lamps harmonized well with the curving row of low-roofed cottages, enhanced their picturesqueness and were charming objects in themselves. But they are to be uprooted and replaced by hexagonal aluminium obelisks which are out of character among old tiles and climbing roses. Orchard Street is not a bypass and does not need glaring lights. – Guy Ottewell 60 06 01c also: Opinion on new street lamps divided – Warkworth Terrace – 60 06 02a

1960 08 26

Houses in Prospect Row and Brandon Place will be compulsorily purchased and demolished. Most of the 62 properties were overcrowded, suffering from dampness, deteriorating woodwork and perishing plaster. A Government Inspector agreed they were unsuitable for human habitation. But resident say the Council are trying to get the property 'on the cheap' and they are not being offered adequate compensation. 60 08 26

1960 08 31

People living in cottages shortly to be demolished in Prospect Row and Brandon Place described conditions. One housewife told of hearing rats at the back door, "I found the hole and covered it with coal". Another spoke of having two rats in the house which is so damp she has to redecorate once a year. "My eldest boy, who is four, catches cold after cold and I shall be glad when we move. I don't care where it is as long as it has three bedrooms and a bathroom", she says. A Ministry inspector said

the properties were unfit for human habitation. But an 81-year-old lady who has lived in her house for 11 years said: "I can't understand why they want to knock them down". 60 08 31a

1960 09 23

Residents of properties in John Street, Adam and Eve Street and Dover Street objected to proposals that their houses be compulsorily purchased for redevelopment. They were not yet of demolition standard and owners had spent a lot of money providing them with modern amenities. Some had been living in the streets for many years and did not like the prospect of moving. Even if they were paid the full market value it would not be sufficient to purchase other houses. But the Council said it was essential for the future that the whole area be developed now. 60 09 23c

1960 10 14

The Freebooters Coffee Bar and Club in Wellington Street was set up through the determination of John Ewen, a theological student at Ridley Hall. It has full-sized billiard & table-tennis tables & a dart board. But there are no rules. Soon youngsters banned from other coffee bars because of damage started to drop in. A key concern was motor cycles but plans are under way for a maintenance shop and a 'scramble'. They had teething troubles: the record player was stolen and all the records taken, but they were brought back and now various sports clubs have been formed. 60 10 14

1960 11 04

Cambridge's City Librarian, Eric Cave (46), looks upon his job as a vocation. Its prime function is to provide a book and information service for the public it serves. The Reference Library take delight in answering any question on any subject including the date of erection of a certain house in Orchard Street, the best method of cultivating edelweiss and the best food to give a pet frog. They also had a telephone call from a rather harassed married man, whose wife was on holiday, asking for details of how to cook a joint of meat with its trimmings. 60 11 04b

1960 12 09

The Butts Green end of Midsummer Common is now used as an extra car park on Saturday mornings but vehicles overflow into side streets to the annoyance of residents. People in Earl Street complain of motorists parking in front of their houses blocking the light to basement rooms while in New Square drivers resent paying sixpence to use the car park and prefer to stop in front of the houses. Massive furniture vans sometimes stay for as long as two days and in summer busloads of tourists sit on people's front window sills eating fish and chips. 60 12 09

1960 12 12

Congestion in Clarendon Street – photo – 60 12 12

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1961 01 11

The only area of Cambridge suitable for a regional shopping centre is that around City Road and Fitzroy Street, a University development plan says. It has space for shops, restaurants, car parks and houses and could be well-served by public transport. By contrast the city centre does not meet the land requirement unless there is such demolition that it would affect the character of the area. The roads are poor and provision of adequate car parking would be an impossible task. 61 01 11c

1961 01 20

New Square was a very good site for a multi-deck car park, councillors were told. But Coun P.J. Warren said that when the site was conveyed to the Corporation in 1923 they'd given an undertaking that no building would ever be erected there. Even now they were spoiling the best example of domestic lay-out in Cambridge. People who lived in New Square already had enough to put up with without such a suggestion. It should never be raised again in their lifetime, the Traffic Committee agreed 61 01 20

1961 02 23

Freebooters Club Wellington Street repairs – 61 02 23

1961 04 20

A terraced house at 10 Emmanuel Road has become a show house for the National Coal Board to demonstrate the latest method of central heating by solid fuel. The property has 13 of its rooms centrally heated by this method, including two bathrooms and three kitchens and the system is driven by a virtually silent pipe in the basement. Installation is straightforward as the small copper pipe can be fixed unobtrusively to skirting boards cutting out costly structural work. 61 04 20

1961 08 24

Motorists are quick to seize every chance that comes their way of finding a parking space for their cars. Already several have made the most of the opportunity provided by the demolition work in Adam and Eve Street. Vehicles now stand where a row of cottages used to exist. The buildings were cleared as part of the City Council's redevelopment scheme in the East Road district 61 08 24a

1961 10 28

Two Cambridge couples are attempting to beat the Cambridge 25 hours non-stop jiving record at the Freebooters Club in Wellington Street. The dancing started last night at 9 o'clock with eight couples competing but six of these became exhausted and had to give up in the early hours. However Adrian Mead and his partner Linda Worboys and Fred Ellis with Bridget Holmes are continuing. The boys are not allowed to stop, but their partners can have a standby 61 10 28

1961 11 09

Maids Causeway trees cut down to widen roundabout – 61 11 09

1962 01 01

Queens Road & Earl Street with snowed-up cars – photo – 62 01 01a

1962 01 04

A Council debate to decide whether to create a post of City Architect ended in chaos after the Mayor stopped discussion. A qualified architect is vital if development is to be continued with taste. Council estates were dull in lay-out and their roads were not up to modern traffic. Uninspired planning must be stopped now. At a time when the Lion Yard, Museum site and City Road area are in the melting pot they should have the advice of an architect, some councillors felt. 62 01 04a

1962 03 22

A police dog and handler make nightly patrols of Prospect Row where Irish labourers are camping out in empty houses, sleeping on wet mattresses and ripping up floor boards to make fires in the open grates. The houses will be demolished when a home is found for 82 year-old Lily Wilkin, who has lived in the Row all her life. Meanwhile Corporation workmen are stapling strong wire mesh over doors and windows in nearby Brandon Place and Adam and Eve Street. But no attempt can be made to clear the rubbish which litters many of the tiny backyards. 62 03 22

1962 04 11

An inquest was told that a 23-year-old man found dead in his rooms in Emmanuel Road had smoked 'reefer' cigarettes. He'd bought some Indian Hemp in London 62 04 11c

1962 05 31

The University's proposals for the future development of Cambridge are designed to enhance its character as a university town. The Lion Yard area should include a multi-purpose public hall, for which they have offered to pay half, a new public library, exhibition gallery and arts centre. There would be a regional shopping centre in the City Road area including department and chain stores with large scale car parking and the segregation of pedestrians from traffic. 62 05 31a

1962 06 25

University plans for the future of Cambridge envisage that in the Lion Yard there would be a new hall for conferences, concerts and all kinds of music with a new library, small shops, cafes and homes for 300 people. A new regional shopping centre in City Road would be free of all vehicular traffic and there could be more homes on the site than before. The housing areas which are close to the centre are also the oldest and many are in need of redevelopment. Already 4,000 people have had to leave since 1950 but the University wants to see at least as many living in these areas as were there ten years go. 62 06 25

1962 09 21

Prospect Row showing demolition – 62 09 21a; Free Press in area of redevelopment – 62 09 21

1962 12 06

Electric power lost in City Road area - 62 12 06

1963 01 02

The Freebooters Club has closed down. It was started in Wellington Street for youngsters who could not fit into the regular pattern of youth activities. It had done good work and some of the young people who had been 'unclubable' had settled down in other established youth clubs. But there has been a recent heavy decline in club membership and an adverse financial position had been reached. John Ewan, the University theological student who started it two years ago, was thanked for his inspiration in forming the club and wholehearted devotion to the task of running it. 63 01 02

1963 09 17

Lloyds new bank on Newmarket Road is the only one in Cambridge with its own private car and cycle park. Facing Sun Street, it will take three cars and five bikes. The bank replaces the temporary wooden structure which has housed the business for more than a year and will offer a full range of services. It is under the supervision of Mr E.J. Furley, manager of Lloyds main local branch at Sidney Street 63 09 17

1963 12 09

Sir – the site of the demolished houses in Prospect Row is being covered with tarmac to serve as a 'temporary' car park. Yet again people are being displaced by motor cars, even though the area is designated for residential use. The traffic problem is indeed urgent and the temptation to use slum clearance areas conveniently near the city centre must be great. But such streets should be rebuilt with houses of suitable design and cost so more people could live within walking distance rather than have to rely on transport – Julie Larter, Cambridge Civic Society 63 12 09a

1964 02 10

Recruits for Cambridge City Civil Defence are drawn from a wide and diverse field. Amongst the 575 on strength at the Warkworth Lodge headquarters there is a 55-year-old University professor and a 20-year-old farm labourer. Other volunteers include an optician, compositor, school teacher, window cleaner, scientist and housewife. The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr & Mrs J.B. Collins both hold the civil defence medal for long service. "Somebody has got to be available to pick up the pieces and start again. In the event of nuclear warfare we would try and care for survivors", one said. 64 02 10

1964 03 04

Houses in Walnut Tree Avenue have been bought by the Ministry of Transport for demolition when the dual-carriageway for the proposed Chesterton bridge route is constructed. One side of Cam Road will also have to be demolished. It is expected that negotiations for the 30 properties involved will take a year to complete. The first part of the scheme will link Newmarket Road with Chesterton and Milton Roads. Later the existing roads of Lensfield Road, Gonville Place and East Road will feed into a roundabout at the junction of Sun Street and Newmarket Road 63 03 04b

1964 06 03

Whether or now new shopping development takes place in Lion Yard or at City Road the old shopping area should stay where it is and retain its highly individual character. Cambridge has continued to attract more and more visitors leading to fears of King's College ashtrays and "Kiss me quick" mortar boards. But one development benefiting both local and visitor must be the creation of a pedestrian precinct such as the one at Harlow. It would enable streets to be given over to their rightful functions as places for strolling, shopping and gossip 64 06 03a

1964 06 05

Listed buildings may not be demolished but owners need not keep them in repair and they often deteriorate until they are condemned as a danger to public safety. Cromwell's barn in St Ives was a magnificent example of a 16th-century manorial barn but it was burn down because it became unsafe. In Cambridge many little cottages are disappearing behind scaffolding to emerge with a completely different character and price-tag. Some houses in Portugal Place and a tiny court near Sidney Sussex College are in danger but Orchard Street has been saved by the Preservation Society 64 06 05b

1964 06 06

Compulsory purchase orders have been confirmed for the clearance of areas at Napier Street, Leeke Street, Coronation Street, Gold Street and Russell Street. But the Minister has excluded some properties in Newmarket Road and Burleigh Place together with no 9 Coronation Street which his inspectors say is fit for habitation. Objectors had claimed that compulsory acquisition would cause hardship and was not necessary for redevelopment. 64 06 06a

1964 08 28

Traders are split over proposals for a new shopping centre off Fitzroy Street. Claude Scott, motor agents, say trade would be increased but he would seek full compensation to leave. T. Tarrants tobacconists, say it would be good but family businessman A.P. Cook of Prospect Row, who has run a grocery store for 50 years, says he will fight hard against compulsory purchase. Mrs J.A. Douglas of Earl Street, who has just modernised her house, is horrified at the proposals. 64 08 28c

1964 08 28

The Lion Yard area is badly laid out and contains 'obsolete development'; there should be a small increase in shopping space with the rest devoted to civic and university uses, Sir Keith Joseph, the Minister of Housing says. A brand new shopping area should be created in the City Road area – the present twilight zone. It will take traffic away from the centre, cater for modern supermarket trends and fit in with plans for the continuation of the East Road housing scheme 64 08 28, 28b

1964 11 19

University offer money to engage planning team so submit plans for Lion Yard and new shopping area in City Road as urgent action needed – 64 11 19, 19d

1964 12 09

The Sunday night 'Drop-in' Youth Club in Wellington Street provides somewhere for youngsters to get to know each other. There is table tennis, snooker and badminton together with a coffee bar and a juke box providing music for dancing. Some girls complain that boys will not ask them to dance but the boys say if they do they get stared at. They come because they are bored, there is nothing to do, nowhere else to go. Many houses are so small they can get little privacy and parents may lose their

peace because a radio or record player is blaring, they say. But it's sad they cannot find companionship and interests at home, just one night a week. 64 12 09

1965 02 26

Jack Baldry, the Cambridge mineral water firm, has installed a new soft drink production plant which has doubled their bottle output and cut factory staff by a third. Two production lines now complete the cycle of washing, filling, capping and labelling the drinks, a job preciously done by three bottle lines and about 35 employees working on equipment which was up to 18 years old. Now 10,000 bottles an hour can be made up at the Gold Street factory 65 02 26c

1965 04 30

Orchard Street grant for terrace – 65 04 30b

1965 07 30

Laurie & McConnal modernising the whole of their shop frontage in Fitzroy Street; new display windows will replace the arcade-type ones there since 19th century; "faith in City Road as new shopping centre – 65 07 30a [13.8]

1965 08 07

Drugs found in raid on house Clarendon St – 65 08 07; three guilty – 65 09 03

1965 08 17

Adam & Eve car park showing wrecked cars – photo – 65 08 17a

1966 01 21

New Square Residents Association issue 'The Second Centre' report opposing Inner Relief Road; seeks bus station Gold Street, one-way streets, commercial development – 66 01 21c

1966 02 22

Risk of drug-taking by students in college hostels and lodgings – teacher fined for house used for smoking Indian hemp; "beatnik parasites", Clarendon St – 66 02 22a, b, 66 02 23b

1966 02 23

'Crumbling Cambridge' feature – derelict houses, vermin; pictures Nelson St, Coronation St, Leeke St – 66 02 23a

1966 04 28

Morley's Wine Bar in Petty Cury to close; will be off-sales in Wellington St; established since turn of the century, need to expand – 66 04 28b

1966 09 01

House of Dolamore bought wine and spirit business of George Morley in Petty Cury and Guildhall Street some 80 years ago; now has new address in Wellington Street – 66 09 01 & 1a

1967 11 24

Prince Richard of Gloucester transformed house in Victoria Street with five friends – 67 11 24b

1968 10 29

Orchard Street cottages photo – 68 10 29

1968 11 01

Bird's eye of New Square car park from Lauries – photo – 68 11 01a

1969 05 17

Baldry's move to new factory in Harvest Way from Gold St; started in 1923, first to use all-automatic crown cork sealed bottles; took over Cambridge Soda Works and in 1925 acquired important contract for mineral waters with a local brewery; began bottling cider in 1930 and in 1935 extended range to confectionary, cocktail sausages, pickles and groceries. Bought Sawston Aerated Water Company – 69 05 17a, b, c

1970

1971 12 22

Prime, Cambridge building firm started more than 150 years ago cease trading, main yard at Adam & Eve Street – 71 12 22

1972 02

"The visual quality of New Square is totally spoiled at present by its use as a car park. When new multi-storey car parks are built in the Fitzroy-Burleigh area however the square will be returned to grass and will once again be a valuable part of the Cambridge townscape"

1972 06 09

The family firm of D. Mackay, Britannia Works, East Road, Cambridge, celebrate their 60th year jubilee this week. The Britannia Public house from which the works took its name has recently been demolished, and the houses which formed Britannia Place have long since disappeared, as has the Smith which stood in the public house yard. Many other landmarks have been swept away in the new Roadworks. It used to be said that by standing at the corner of East Road and Newmarket Road one would be sure to meet one's friends. Now it is difficult to see which is the corner, and the traffic roars past too fast for leisurely greetings

1972 07 24

The Lion Yard multi-deck car park opens on Monday proving another 500 car spaces within a stone's throw of the centre of Cambridge. The completion marks the first stage of the city council's multi million redevelopment project for the area - which was first proposed nearly 25 years ago. The new park, which aims to cater for the shopper and the short stay motorist, is the second major car park to open in the city in less than a year. The other is at Queen Anne Terrace, which opened last October. The usual parking fees will be 5p for the first hour, 15p for two hours, 25p for three hours, up to a maximum of 75p for 10 hours. The council hope the prices will encourage people who work in the city centre to leave their cars in the parks away from the centre, like New Square and Prospect Row, where the charges are considerably less.

1972 07 26

A total of 160 houses in the Burleigh street – Fitzroy street area of Cambridge will have to be demolished to make way for the city council's shopping redevelopment scheme. At present only 34 of the houses are unoccupied. The city council are prepared to buy the houses at full market value if the owners cannot find other buyers. Some of the houses have already been classed as slums and earmarked for demolition. A number have in fact already been closed, such as in parts of James Street or demolished, as at Adam and Eve Street. A year ago the city council gave details of a large area outside the Burleigh Street - Fitzroy Street complex which they said would not be required for demolition. This gave the house owners the go-ahead to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to improve their homes

1972 08 12

Cambridge University student, Mr Colin Rosensteil, was so annoyed by the grubby looking and almost illegible street nameplate outside his home in John Street that he decided to brighten it up himself. Now he is thinking about going round the other street nameplates in the area - if his requests to the city council to do the work fall on deaf ears. He has written to the city council's Conservative leader, Ald Stanley Bowles asking for a rush programme of sign repainting throughout the city.

1972 10 02

John Nicholson is a tall, solemn, ranging character with a Biblical appearance. Currently he runs two shops in Cambridge. Neither of them makes a profit. Before that he published an "alternative" newspaper "Cambridge Voice", a paper which ran to 16 issues. After a skirmish with "The Shilling Paper" he felt that a University element were against him. His two shops are the King Street Market and Cockayne, Portland Place, New Square. It's an unusual shop selling a range of science fiction and occult books, "underground" periodicals, American comic books and all sorts of pamphlets

1972 11 21

The Cambridge city council's planning consultants who are designing the redevelopment plans for the Burleigh Street- Fitzroy Street have suggested the building of a departmental store East of Napier Street. Consultants feel that the introduction of shopping uses at this point would improve the whole project in addition to saving housing land to the North of Maids Causeway and James Street. They have also proposed that the pedestrian way along Fitzroy Street should be graded down and Napier Street itself raised over the pedestrian way. This appears to be the best way of separating traffic and pedestrians

1973 02 16

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal leader, visited residents in the Burleigh-Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge, whose homes are endangered by the proposed shopping development which is at present the subject of an inquiry. Amongst the people he met was Mrs Lavinia Hawes, who moved to her James Street home six months ago and said that it suited her family perfectly. She would be giving evidence at the inquiry. After a visit to the new Cambridge volunteer bureau in Fitzroy Street, Mr Thorpe left to see Bar Hill

1974 05 01

Parking may soon cost up to 50% more at some of the Cambridge's city council parks. If suggestions are accepted the charge at Park Street will go up from 5p to 7p an hour with a maximum rate of 75p for more than five hours. The present maximum is 50p. The daily charge for the Queen Anne Terrace (multi) and the Saxon street ground level park will go up from 10p to 15p. At New Square the maximum for more than five hours will rise to 40p.

1974 07 12

Charges at some Cambridge city car parks are to rise by as much as 50%. At Park Street the charge for the first hour will rise from 5p to 7p and a sliding scale will increase other charges to a maximum of 75p for more than five hours. New Square will start at 7p and rise to 40p. At Queen Anne Terrace and the Saxon Street parks the daily charge will increase from 10p to 15p.

1974 11 02

The owner of Tebbit's bakery, probably the last in the Cambridge area with a coal-fired oven, retires after nearly 50 years of producing crusty loaves and rolls for Chesterton and East Cambridge. The bakery, off Gold St, run by Mr William Tebbit with his wife Bunny, is to be closed. Each weekday he has got up at about 5 am to start baking his daily batch of about 500 loaves, He forms the dough for cottage loaves, Coburgs and bloomers by hand

1975 04 28

The King Street run or the King Street pint to pint is a Cambridge drinking tradition. It means drinking eight pints of beer in two hours. In the old days King Street had enough ale houses for the Run to be held along it, but now the organisers have to plan the route incorporating public houses elsewhere. The run last year ended at The Zebra in Newmarket Road but licensee Mrs M. Warren won't be allowing it again. Last year youths who vomited in Fair Street outside the Hopbine bought a ban there on all future runs.

1975 05 16

Fourteen Cambridge student bodyguards were out in the city last night looking after single girls who fear the rapist may strike again. The Eden Street based Townswomen's Liberation Group has arranged for a self-defence demonstration. It will be for the benefit of anyone fearing assault. The Cambridge Evening News has offered a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the rapist's arrest and conviction.

1976 01 19

The Free Press public house, Prospect Row, Cambridge, is being sold back to Greene King by the City Council. The tiny Kite-area pub, council-owned since the 1960s when it was bought as part of a slum clearance area was due to be demolished to make way for a road. That scheme was dropped in 1969 and now they are negotiating its sale back to the brewery, which continued to lease the pub after the council bought it.

1976 05 21

Plans for radical alterations to two listed cottages in the "Kite area" of Cambridge, the subject of a long and bitter row between a city man and council officials, would cost £59,000, it was stated at a planning inquiry. The scheme involves dismantling and rebuilding an 1825 façade and excavating a basement in Orchard Street. A council witness said the plan to build a facsimile of the façade would destroy the weathered texture and unity of the terrace.

1976 06 01

The Kite is a thriving shopping and business centre with all the charm of a village within Cambridge, where the scale is human, where homes and businesses blend and where shopkeepers and shoppers know each other. It wears its quirks and curiosities proudly; where else could you browse through art nouveau curios (James Street), munch a crispy delicious waffle dripping maple syrup (Waffles) or buy a bargain pine dresser (City Road). There's a Kite community fighting every inch of the way to preserve the homes, the shops and the personality of this game little patch of Victorian Cambridge which is now more full of life than ever

1975 06 11

The much-criticised second stage of Cambridge city council's central area traffic experiment has been abandoned and traffic flow systems introduced five weeks ago withdrawn. This means there is again two-way traffic in Regent Street, Parkside, Emmanuel Road and Short Street. Through traffic is still banned along parts of St Andrew's Street, Sidney Street & Kings Parade. City police said many motorists were confused by the changes which it was improving impossible to enforce. Long traffic queues had built up at major junctions since the start of the experiment which brought traffic chaos to the city

1975 07 11

Motorists will soon have to pay up to 50% more to park in the centre of Cambridge. Meter parking will cost up to 15p an hour and parking at Lion Yard and Park Street multi-deck parks and on the New Square surface park will cost up to 10p an hour, and increase of 3p.

1976 04 12

Jesus College opened its Eden Street housing development to the public to show just what can be done with old properties in Cambridge's Kite area. The college plans the conversion of more than 30 two and three-bedroomed homes at rentals from £8 to £10 a week. Two major types of conversion are in hand, one of extending existing terraced houses to give two-bedroomed homes, and the other of combining two terraced houses to make one new one

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1977 04 20

A multi-million pound deal for the rebuilding of large parts of the Burleigh Street – Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge (The Kite) which would involve a handsome handout to the ratepayers is being negotiated between the City council and two internationally known development companies. Under the deal the redevelopment could be carried out without any cost to the ratepayers. The council would hand some of its land holdings – much now derelict – to the developers on a long lease. In return they would build large car parks for the council, re-grass the New Square car park and erect a number of shops, at least one of them a department store. And at the end of the development period the company would make either a substantial lump sum payment to the council or give it a large cut of the rents collected.

1977 07 13

A group of Cambridge residents have started a legal battle to stop buses using the narrow, congested Parker Street to reach the city's Drummer Street bus station. They are trying to force four major bus companies to use an alternative route via Emmanuel Street and Regent Street. The leader of the objectors said: "Parker Street is fit only for local traffic, being narrow and with houses on each side. At the moment the pollution is disgusting. You cannot open a window and the noise is above acceptable limits". The Eastern Counties traffic manager said: "Buses represent only a tiny proportion of the heavy traffic using the street, so why we are being picked on I don't know"

1978 07 17

A sophisticated version of rotten egg-throwing provided one of the highlights at Saturday's Tudor Fayre for those with certain views on the proposed Kite development plans. Artist Mr Peter Fluck of Maids Causeway was commissioned by the Kite Co-ordinating Council to draw an outsized head of Coun John Powley, the man spearheading plans to build a large shopping complex. The picture was then electrically wired up and served as a dartboard. Anyone hitting the 'brain cell' rang a bell. During the afternoon more than one Labour councillors was seen surreptitiously to aim a dart at the target

1978 09 21

Some of the brightest artistic talents in Cambridge struggle along in two linked huts, sharing cramped premises with enthusiastic leisure groups. That they carry on with such professionalism is testimony to the spirit of the Cambridge Arts and Leisure Association (CALA). It was formed thirteen years ago to bring together under one roof in pleasant surroundings individuals and societies interested in all kinds of leisure activities and promote the enjoyment of Arts and Crafts. They are still campaigning from their base in Warkworth Street

1979 01 27

The doors of the Two Swans pub in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, may reopen – 67 years after they closed for the last time. 'Last orders' was called for good in 1912 and the pub was converted into a grocery and off-licence. Now Mr Percy Wing is hoping to change it back. The pub would keep its old name and be run as a free house. His wife said: "It would be something intimate, no music, no juke boxes, no darts – by doing this we can keep in touch with older as well as younger people who could come in for a cup of coffee. I think there are a lot of people who prefer coffee to a drink"

1979 04 02

The centre of Cambridge is well off for parking space. There are 600 spaces on the Lion Yard multi-decker, a slightly smaller number at Park Street and substantial parking at New Square. Then there are more than 500 meters dotted around. But during peak periods these are barely enough and queues build up at the park entrances. Motorists complain it is not easy to reach the city centre since King's

Parade was severely restricted to through traffic. At first shopkeepers feared virtual bankruptcy but now even the most 'anti' tradesman is happy with the result – an increase in trade.

1979 04 09

Cambridge squatters protested as demolition men moved into James Street and started breaking up roofs and floors in some houses. This follows a court decision granting the council possession of seven houses where squatters claimed they had a licence to stay. The team of contractors arrived early in the morning and started on an empty house with pick axes; gas, water and electricity engineers also got to work. Police stood by as the confused squatters gathered in the street outside. Protestors say the council should never have acquired the houses in the first place. They were never used, allowed to stand empty for 20 years and became derelict. The squatters have actually tried to save them from demolition. Now Cambridge is to lose a Victorian street, probably unique in the country, with its small modest houses and shops.

1979 04 27

The home of Henry 'Jock' Hall has always been easy to pick out by the sign above the front door reading 'University Chimney Sweep'. Now it has been left in not-so-splendid isolation amongst the demolition rubble of what was once a row of terraced houses in James Street, Cambridge. The innards of neighbouring houses hang from the outside walls and the dust gets everywhere. Even a sweep and his wife, used to dealing with sooty grime, cannot help noticing it. The rest of the houses were occupied by squatters who were thrown out when the demolition workers moved in.

1979 06 12

A Venture centre has opened at the home of the Eden Centre of Dance in City Road, Cambridge. It houses a photographer and a potter and anyone is free to do anything in the other rooms. Now there are plans for a café in the basement to allow people from local streets to drop in and find out what is going on. It is an attractive three-storey building built in the 1880s as the Cambridge Friendly Society Institute and Working Men's Club which hired out its rooms to a number of smaller societies. But as they grew so they acquired their own headquarters elsewhere. The Institute could not be wound up until the building was sold and that couldn't take place until the planning blight on the Kite was lifted. While it stood empty squatters got in and caused damage.

1979 12 04

Cambridge councillors and top officials entered the Mayor's Guildhall office and retrieved documents he had impounded after a furious showdown earlier in the day. The documents relate to a bitter ten-year planning wrangle over plans for a house in Orchard Street. The seizure of the papers was described as an unprecedented step and now the Mayor has called for the Chief Executive and the City Secretary and Solicitor to be relieved of their duties until a full inquiry is held.

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1980 02 26

Squatters have become a way of life in parts of Cambridge. A bloke called Bleep started it all in 1975 when he somehow entered 13 James Street and called it home. Squatting in the Kite had begun. Numbers swelled, including students, doctors, nurses, research students and the unemployed. They came simply because they were homeless and the Kite had lots of empty houses which could stay empty for years until the time came for demolition. A lot of residents are sympathetic and appreciate having people squatting rather than an empty property next door to them. Some who have left the area have handed over their keys or deliberately left doors open 80 02 26a

1980 03 14

Waffles' waffles have been selling like hot cakes in Cambridge for seven years. Now the small Kite café has been mentioned in the Egon Ronay guide 'Just A Bite'. "Queues of hungry students form outside the door every evening at this most welcoming of little cafés", it writes. But Waffles' days at its present address are numbered because the little shop on the corner of Gold Street and Fitzroy Street

is marked for demolition as part of the Kite redevelopment programme. Set in a devastated urban wasteland of rubble and decaying brick the café with its steamy windows, Edwardian interior and babbling conversation provides a friendly island of humanity. 80 03 14d

1981 02 18

Percy Wing's shop has been in business in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, since 1912. A grocer's and off-licence, it sells all sorts of things from Chelsea buns and bundles of firewood to apricot wine and John Smith's beer. It's the sort of shop where customers can still hold weekly or monthly accounts and have their orders made up and delivered. One customer has had an account there since 1914. Young customers ask for advice and recipes, elderly customers come in for a quarter of a pound of butter or a couple of rashers of bacon. On occasions they have sold a single egg at a time. 81 02 18b

1981 11 20

Driving through Cambridge it seems a particularly malicious gremlin has got loose, armed with a pick-axe, and is busy making holes in any old bit of road he can find. For a start there is the Kite redevelopment which has reduced the amount of parking and led to major roadworks, then sewers have collapsed in Emmanuel Road, there is resurfacing in Coldham's Lane and Eastern Gas has moved into Tennis Court Road. There are temporary traffic lights in Silver Street and the continuing work on Magdalene Bridge adds to the disruption. 81 11 20b

1981 11 27

The first Cambridge tunnels dug under Peas Hill were used as wine vaults and one is blocked off by a wall of wine bottles cemented together. During the war they were wired for electricity and fitted out as air raid shelters for 400 people and later dossers used them as overnight hostels. In 1963 came proposals for an underground road starting at Maids Causeway and running down Jesus Lane and Emmanuel Road. There was also to be a three-storey underground car park. But the scheme was rejected. 81 11 27

1982 04 20

A former school and warehouse buildings in Eden Street have been turned into eight studio flats for sale at about £28,000. Each comprises a living-dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and bedroom with low maintenance and running costs. Eden Court blends in with the surrounding cottages in an area well-served with corner shops and pubs which gives it an atmosphere unique to Cambridge. 82 04 20a

1982 08 24

W. Thompson and Son, the Fitzroy Street furniture firm, is closing after 150 years' trading in Cambridge. It started as a cabinet makers in Willow Place in 1832 and a fully-fledged furniture makers and sellers had been established by 1881. They had an undertakers' business for years, as well as selling china wholesale. But Peter Thompson says their style of business was becoming outdated: customers were now more conscious of price than quality with big warehouses changing the way furniture is sold. 82 08 24

1983 04 26

The County Council has been urging Cambridge councillors to provide more city centre parking space. They say 1,000 extra parking spaces are needed. Now they have suggested six sites: a 250-space extension to the present Lion Yard multi-deck, land behind Telephone House in Regent Street-Park Terrace (220 spaces on a four-deck park), the old Addenbrooke's Hospital site (250 spaces), land behind Shire Hall (450 spaces on a three-deck park), Saxon Street (480) and Adam and Eve Street (460 spaces). 83 04 26 p5

1984 09 28

A Cambridge pensioner is hoping for dry days ahead after weeks of rain pouring through her bedroom ceiling. Every downpour has seen the 82-year-old crippled widow setting out basins and old chamber pots to catch the flow through the roof of her house in Eden Street. Landlords Jesus College sent

builders round but weeks later the roof was even worse. She is also without a bathroom and the toilet is outside at the bottom of the garden. She hates going out and it is terrible in winter when there is snow around. The college is holding discussions with the city council about modernising such properties. 84 09 28

1985 12 23

Christmas is just another day for some residents of the Church Housing Association in Willow Walk. But despite the distinct lack of enthusiasm Captain Andrew Entecott and his helpers are busy at work. The cook will be dishing up turkey and all the trimmings for 36 men and gifts will be presented in the afternoon. The Cyrenian's home in Short Street is like a big happy family and they have planned a Christmas meal. But many homeless people will be wandering the streets with nowhere to go 85 12 23

1986 08 13

Big Mac fans supporters lost the beef-burgers battle. Despite a petition signed by 30,000 hamburger fans an Inspector has rejected plans for a fast-food bar in Fitzroy Street saying it would cause a public nuisance and severe litter problems. Residents in New Square are delighted. But city planners say that they'd be happy to consider another application from McDonalds for a more suitable site 86 08 13

1986 08 22

The Church Housing Trust's new hostel in Victoria Road aims to get away from an institutional set-up with single rooms and bedsits for 75 homeless people. Alcohol will be banned and residents encouraged to improve their lifestyle to enable them to live in the community again. Nearby home owners have been reassured that problems will be few and far between because if residents have been drinking they keep away as they don't want to lose their accommodation. The Trust's existing premises in Willow Walk will be also retained 86 08 22

1986 09 21

'Thirty Three' is a new walk-in centre for young people funded by Save The Children. Based in Clarendon Street the confidential service has voluntary counsellors who will listen to youngsters' fears on any aspect of life including difficulties with parents or boy friends, anorexia or abortion. They will offer no criticism and never pass judgement but instead offer positive help. College students have their own counselling services, but there is nothing comparable for other 86 09 21a

1987 12 14

Paradise Street, a young Cambridge band, have released an album of songs most written by members of the group, all pupils of Netherhall School. The band – originally known as Captain Kirk and the Klingon Army Choir - formed when Mark Curtis, Ben Coombes, John Evans and brothers Mark and Paul Pocock were asked to do something for the school disco. Their music is loud and raunchy, influenced by Kiss and Motley Crue, though the lyrics are more on the lines of Marillion or Genesis. They have sent a copy of their tape to rock magazine 'Kerrang' but are not planning to approach record companies nor enter the pop world full-time just yet. A-levels have more priority 87 12 14d

1988 04 18

Regulars at the Free Press in Prospect Row are toasting success after it was named one of Britain's 100 classic pubs in the new CAMRA guide. The little pub, packed with settles, panelled walls and memorabilia was first licensed in 1834 when a home brewer named Sarah Horne turned her cottages into a commercial establishment. It takes its name from a local temperance paper named the Free Press which railed unsuccessfully against the evils of alcohol. The bar carries a notice warning of the 'degradation of drunkenness' but is a jolly, uninhibited place, the haunt of students, cricket and rowing enthusiasts. 88 04 18a

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